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An Incentive to Seek Knowledge

By Shaykh ‘Abdur-Rahman ibn Qasim

“Allah bears witness that none has the right to be worshipped but He, and the angels, and those having knowledge also bear witness.”

Those of knowledge also testified to this, that none has the right to be worshipped but Him. This testimony has been explained to mean acknowledgement, explanation, and manifestation. Citing the people of knowledge signifies a certification and recommendation of them if they rise to this level of bearing witness to His tawhid that Allah (‘azza wa jall) cited them for, may the efforts of the deniers and the pretensions of the falsifiers be relegated.

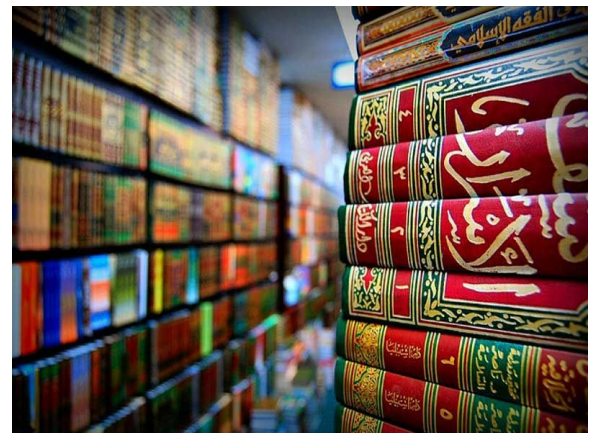
This includes the greatest encouragement for you to seek knowledge. Allah gave witness and He made His angels and the people of knowledge also bear witness. This testimony contains a prestige for the people of knowledge, in that they were called to give witness to that which the Lord of the creation gave witness to.

What form of praise and endorsement could possibly be better than this; and that they were cited as being people of knowledge? He made them a proof against those who deny it. This shows the excellence of knowledge.

In a Hadith it is stated: “This knowledge will be carried in every ummah by its upright ones.”

This is the greatest incentive for knowledge even though many abstain from it. The meaning of knowledge (here) is shar‘i knowledge, which is light and life to the hearts.

As for other types of knowledge they are relative and additional types of knowledge. Either concerning matters of this world, math-based or industrial-based knowledge, etc. Those who possess these types of knowledge are not the people of knowledge whom Allah called to give witness. This knowledge is not employed except in connection to knowledge of the Shari‘ah and Din.



The Obligation of Kufr bit-Taghut

Shaykh al-Mujaddid Muhammad ibn ‘Abdil-Wahhab (rahimahullah) said, “Know, may Allah have mercy upon you, that the first thing Allah obligated upon the son of Adam is kufr bit-taghut and iman in Allah. The proof is His (ta‘ala) statement, ‘And verily, We sent to every ummah a messenger [saying]: worship Allah [alone] and stay away from the taghut.’”¹

And he (rahimahullah) said, “Rather, the Din of Islam will not be complete except with bara’ah from those tawaghit who are worshiped besides Allah and making takfir of them; just as He (ta‘ala) said, ‘So whoever disbelieves in the taghut and believes in Allah has grasped the most firm handhold.’”²

And he said in *Kitab at-Tawhid*, “The Seventh Matter: An issue of great importance in that the worship of Allah will not be obtained except with kufr bit-taghut.”

And he also said, “And from it is the saying of Prophet (sallallahu ‘alayhi wa sallam), ‘Whoever says la ilaha illallah

and disbelieves in what is worshipped besides Allah, his wealth and his blood is protected, and his reckonling is with Allah.’ This is from the greatest of what clarifies the meaning of la ilaha illallah. So he did not make the utterance of it a protection of one’s blood and wealth, nor knowing its meaning and pronouncing it, nor even affirming it, and not even if he doesn’t call upon anyone besides Allah with no partners. No, he did not declare that his wealth and blood become protected until he attached to that kufr in what is worshipped besides Allah. Thus if he doubts or hesitates, his blood and wealth are not protected. So what a tremendously important issue this is! And what a clear explanation and proof it is that it cuts off the any debate.”

Shaykh Sulayman Al ash-Shaykh (rahimahullah) said, “Because the meaning of la ilaha illallah and the testimony that la ilaha illallah is that worship belongs to none except to Allah, and that one believes nothing can bring harm or good except Allah, and that one disbelieves in what is worshipped from those besides Allah, and to disown them and those who worship them.”³

And Shaykh ‘Abdur-Rahman ibn Hasan Al ash-Shaykh (rahimahullah) said, “He (ta‘ala) said, ‘So whoever disbelieves in

¹ *Ad-Durar as-Saniyyah*, v. 1, p. 161.

² *Ibid*, v. 10, p. 53.

³ *Taysir al-‘Aziz al-Hamid*, p. 152.

the taghut and believes in Allah has grasped the most firm handhold that will never break.’ The ayah is proof that the slave can not grasp la ilaha illallah except with kufr bit-taghut. And it is the firm handhold that will never break. Therefore, whoever does not believe in this is not a Muslim because he did not grasp hold of la ilaha illallah. So ponder and believe in what will save you from the punishment of Allah, and it is to actualize and realize the meaning of la ilaha illallah; for it is negation and affirmation.”⁴

And Shaykh Sulayman ibn Sahman (rahimahullah) said, “He (ta’ala) clarified that the one who grasps the firm handhold is he who disbelieves in the taghut, and kufr in it was brought before iman in Allah because someone can claim that he believes in Allah but he does not avoid the taghut and thus his claim is a lie. He (ta’ala) said, “‘And verily, We sent to every ummah a messenger [saying]: worship Allah [alone] and stay away from the taghut.’ So inform [them] that all the messengers were sent with [the call] to avoid the taghut. Thus whoever does not avoid it, then he has opposed all of the messengers.”⁵

Shaykh al-Mujaddid Muhammad ibn ‘Abdil-Wahhab (rahimahullah) said, “As

for the description of kufr bit-taghut, then it is to believe in the invalidity of worship to other than Allah, to abandon it, to hate it, to declare the kufr of its people, and to have animosity to them. As for the meaning of iman in Allah, it is to believe that Allah is the worshiped God alone, without anything else. To purify all types of worship for Allah and to negate it from anything else that is worshiped. To love the people of ikhlas, and to ally with them. To hate the people of shirk, and to have animosity towards them. This is Millah Ibrahim, which only the fool would rebel against. It is best example in what Allah has informed us about with His saying: ‘Indeed there has been an excellent example for you in Ibrahim and those with him, when they said to their people: ‘Verily, we are free from you and whatever you worship besides Allah, we have rejected you, and there has appeared between us and you, animosity and hatred forever, until you believe in Allah alone.’

The taghut: it is encompassing for anything that is worshiped besides Allah. So anyone that is worshiped besides Allah while pleased with being worshiped - whether it is something worshiped, someone followed, or someone obeyed in the absence of

⁴ *Ad-Durar as-Saniyyah*, v. 11, p. 263.

⁵ *Ibid*, v. 10, p. 502.

obedience to Allah and His messenger, then he/it is a taghut.”⁶

What is the Call of the Islamic State?

By Gharib as-Sururiyyah

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

All praise belongs to Allah, the Lord of creation. And may the salah and salam [of Allah] be upon our prophet, the noble prophet.

He (ta‘ala) said, “And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me.”

And He (ta‘ala) said, “And verily, We sent to every ummah a messenger [saying]: worship Allah [alone] and stay away from the taghut.”

Shaykh Sulayman ibn Sahman (rahimahullah) said, “So inform [them] that all the messengers were sent with [the call] to avoid the taghut. Thus whoever does not avoid it, then he has opposed all of the messengers.”

The most important goal of the Islamic State, may Allah aid it, is to spread tawhid and to work by it, demolish shirk and destroy it. It has fought

against all types of shirk; starting from the shirk of worship, the shirk in the obedience, and others. It has worked on the spread of tawhid and called for it, demolished shirk and made takfir of the mushrikin, carried out jihad against them, and ruled based on the Shari‘ah of Allah.

The aim of the Islamic State has been to spread tawhid and warn from shirk by words and deeds. It has worked on distributing the books of the leading scholars of tawhid and their letters, for it published some of the books and letters of Shaykhul-Islam, al-Imam, al-Mujaddid Muhammad Ibn ‘Abdul-Wahhab (rahimahullah), and the books of the Aimmah ad-Da‘wah an-Najdiyyah (rahimahumullah), as well as excerpts from the words of Shaykhul-Islam ibn Taymiyyah (rahimahullah).

It has destroyed the places of shirk and taghut, as each city or town it has entered, places of shirk such as shrines, tombs, and idols were destroyed.

And because of that it has been fought by many people, from Arabs and non-Arabs, who claim affiliation to Islam, or from the kuffar asliyyin.

The disagreement of the enemies towards the State is based on tawhid, for it has been fought by the sahwat, the Jews of Jihad, the idol emirate of

⁶ Ibid, v. 1, p. 161.

the Taliban, and the tawaghit only because of tawhid, and because the Islamic State would not abandon tawhid, the spread of it, and the destruction of shirk and the defeat its people; not even by an inch, even if it angers the entire world.

Shaykh al-‘Adnani (rahimahullah) said in his message entitled “And Those Who Lived [in Faith] Would Live Upon Evidence”:

“The entire world has not gathered together to fight us **except because** we command the worship of Allah, alone without partner, and we incite others to do so. We ally based upon it and make takfir of those who leave it. We warn of shirk in the worship of Allah, and we are severe against it. We make enemies based upon it and make takfir of those who engage in it. This is our call. And this is our din. For this alone, we fight the world, and they fight us.”



So reflect upon the words of Shaykh al-‘Adnani (rahimahullah), in that the Islamic State commands the worship of Allah alone makes takfir of whoever leaves it. It warns from shirk takes as an enemy those who practice it and makes takfir of them. And because of this, the enemies have waged war and fought against it.

And that is the foundation of Islam and its principle.

Shaykhul-Islam, al-Imam, al-Mujaddid Muhammad ibn ‘Abdil-Wahhab (rahimahullah) said, “The foundation of Islam and its principle is based on two matters: **The first:** the command to the worship of Allah, alone without partner, inciting to it, allying based upon it, and pronouncing takfir of those who leave it. **The second:** warning people against shirk in the worship of Allah, being harsh in that, making enemies based upon it, and pronouncing takfir of those who practice it.”

Yes, this is the manhaj of the Islamic State, which is the foundation of Islam and its principle, and therefore, it has been fought by the people of shirk and idols; whether the shirk of worship or the shirk of obedience. They fought it, attacked it with all their might, and incited the people to fight it.

And this is the origin of the dispute and the basis of the conflict between the Islamic State and its warring sects.

Shaykh Hamad ibn ‘Atiq an-Najdi (rahimahullah) said, “O slaves of Allah, **where are your minds?** The dispute between us and them is not about salah, rather, it is about the establishment of tawhid and ordering [the people] with it, and openly censuring and rejecting shirk.”

You are witnessing the harsh animosity of the idol emirate of Taliban and those who pledged bay‘ah to it from the Jews of jihad, the Sahwat and the tawaghit against the Islamic State because the Islamic State has aided tawhid and pronounced takfir against the mushrikin and fought them.

This by itself is a great victory by the Islamic State; the spread of tawhid so that people know it and have it clarified to them, and waging jihad and declaring the kufr of the mushrikin. May Allah reward it with good and support it in every part of the world.

He (ta‘ala) said, “But those who have avoided taghut, lest they worship it, and turned back to Allah - for them are good tidings.”

Shaykh ‘Abdur-Rahman ibn as-Sa’di (rahimahullah) said: “The good tidings

are going to be awarded for them in this life by goodly praise, righteous dreams, and divine care from Allah, in which they see through it that He wants to honor them in this life and in the Hereafter. And the good tidings are going to be awarded for them in the Hereafter once they die, in the grave and on [the Day of] Resurrection. The final good tidings are going to be awarded for them when Allah is going to be eternally pleased with them and overwhelm them with His blessings and His peace in Jannah.”

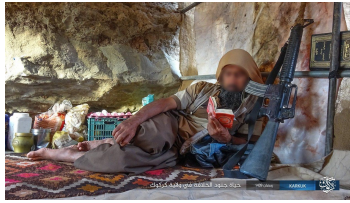
Shaykh Sulayman ibn Sahman (rahimahullah) said, “What is meant by avoid it [in the ayah] means to hate it, to have animosity towards it in the heart, curse it with the tongue, remove it with the hand when able, and to abandon it. Therefore, whoever calls for the abandoning of the taghut, yet did not do that is not truthful.”

So, O Muslim, this is the call of the Islamic State. This is its manhaj. And here is its jihad and fighting against its enemies to know the reality of this call.

O Allah, honor Islam and give victory to the Islamic State.



The Life of the Soldiers of the Khilafah in Wilayah Karkuk



News Headlines

Approximately 70 Taghut Scholars and Murtadd Afghan Security Members Killed and Injured in an Istishhadi Operation in Kabul

While seeking help from Allah alone and trusting in Him, the istishhadi brother Siddiq al-Farsi (may Allah accept him), wearing his explosive vest, launched towards a meeting held by taghut scholars about fighting what they call “terrorism”. There he detonated his belt among them, killing and injuring upwards of 70 of them and of murtadd Afghan security forces. Honor, power and glory belong to Allah, and to His Messenger, and to the believers, but the hypocrites know not. And all praise belongs to Allah, the Lord of creation.

An Inghimasi Attack on a Center for the Murtadd Pakistani Army in the Mastung Area in Balochistan

By Allah’s grace, the brothers Muhammad al-Khurasani and Ridwan al-Khurasani (may Allah accept them), wearing explosive vests and bearing machine guns and diverse ammunition, carried out an inghimasi attack on a center for the murtadd Pakistani army

in the Mastung area in Balochistan. The ensuing fierce clashes led to the killing and injuring of many murtaddin, and all praise belongs to Allah.

Two Attacks by Khalid ibn al-Walid Army on the Sahwat

5 Syrian opposition members were killed in a commando operation by Khalid ibn al-Walid army fighters in Hayt town located in Daraa’s western countryside. Later, another inghimasi attack was executed, killing 3 Sahwat apostates on the outskirts of Sheikh Sa’d with the brothers returning safely to their positions. And all praise belongs to Allah.

Explosions Around Mosul

3 Federal Police members were killed and a 4×4 vehicle was destroyed in an device blast on Mosul - Badush highway. An Iraqi officer was also killed when an explosive device was detonated on his vehicle in “Shamal Garage” area east of Mosul.

An Attack on Haftar’s Forces in Libya

2 members of Haftar’s forces were killed in an attack by Islamic State fighters on a checkpoint on the

Zella-Waddan road in Jufra in central Libya

Targeting a Gathering of the Murtadd Tribal Mobilization Toward Northeast of Baqubah

By Allah's grace alone, a number of the soldiers of the Khilafah set out towards a gathering of the murtadd tribal mobilization in Kalabat village towards northeast Baqubah. They were targeted with mortar rounds and heavy, medium and light weapons, while a unit of the Khilafah soldiers detonated explosive devices on a vehicle of the mobilization on the road that connects between the same village and Jabarah sector, which resulted in the killing of 4 murtaddin; including a commander, and the destruction of the vehicle. Likewise, another gathering of the murtaddin in Ashtukan village was targeted with 23 mortar rounds, and all praise belongs to Allah.

Repelling a Fierce Attack Waged by the Nusayri Army on Positions of the Khilafah Soldiers Towards the South of Dimashq

By Allah's grace alone, the soldiers of the Khilafah managed to repel a Nusayri army's attack on their positions in the Suwayda desert towards the

south of Dimashq, during which the Nusayris used aerial and artillery bombing. The mujahidin engaged with them in confrontations using various weapons, which resulted in the killing of 5 Nusayri army's personnel; including two officers, one of them was a staff colonel. Likewise, the mujahidin targeted 2 military vehicles with explosive devices, which resulted in their destruction and the killing of number of those who were inside them. Also, a tank was damaged after targeting it with a rocket projectile before the Nusayri army fled with failure and defeat, without achieving any notable progress, and all praise belongs to Allah.

An Attack on a Federal Police Barracks in Jallam Samarra Area

By Allah's grace, a number of Khilafah soldiers raided a Rafidi Federal Police barracks in Jallam Samarra area. Fierce clashes took place during which the mujahidin managed to kill 2 murtaddin, burn the barracks and a 4x4 vehicle, and seize various types of weapons and ammunition, with the rest of the murtaddin fleeing. and all praise belongs to Allah.

An Inghimasi Attack Targets a Member of the Shirki Afghan Parliament in Jalalabad

While seeking help from Allah alone and trusting in Him, the istishhadi brother Sajjid al-Khorasani (may Allah accept him) launched towards the house of the murtadd Fridoun Khan Mohmand, a member of the shirki Afghan parliament, in the Second District in Jalalabad city. He raided the house using a machine gun, hand grenades, and explosives, and fierce clashes took place with security and guards of the murtadd member, leading to the killing and injuring of 25, and all praise belongs to Allah.

Deaths of Syrian Army Soldiers Continue in the Desert of Suwayda

At least 12 Syrian soldiers are killed and a tank is damaged after an attack carried out by the Islamic State fighters in Bier al-‘Awrah area in the desert of Suwayda

8 Pro-Afghan Government Militia Members Killed and Injured in Jowzjan

Two days ago, by Allah’s grace, the Khilafah soldiers launched towards barracks in which militias loyal to the

murtadd Afghan government had centered in the Darzab area in Jowzjan. The fierce clashes that ensued resulted in the killing of 5 members and injuring of 3 others, and control seized upon the barracks, and ghanimah captured of what was inside of weapons and ammunition, and all praise belongs to Allah.

More Than 90 Employees from the Ministry of Rural Development Killed and Wounded in an Istishhadi Operation In Kabul

While seeking help from Allah alone and trusting in Him, the istishhadi brother Waqqas al-Khorasani (may Allah accept him) launched towards the Ministry of Rural Development located in Dar al-Aman area in Kabul, amidst a gathering of the employees by the entrance of the Ministry. He then detonated his explosive vest, which led to the killing and wounding of more than 90 employees, and all praise is due to Allah.

